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The Terrorism Diary for February and March

Below is a compendium of February and March dates of known or conceivable significance to terrorists around the world. Our inclusion of a date or event should not by itself be construed to suggest that we expect or anticipate a commemorative terrorist event.

1 February 1979 Iran. Return of Ayatollah Khomeini to Iran from exile in Paris.

1 February 1984 India. Kashmir separatist leader Maqbool Butt executed.

3 February 1963 Iraq. Anniversary of Ba'th Revolution.

4 February 1948 Sri Lanka. Independence Day.

4 February 1979 Iran. Revolution Day.

8 February 1963 Iraq. Revolution Day.

14 February 1979 Iran. Attack on US Embassy in Tehran; the Embassy was briefly occupied and the

Ambassador briefly held.

19 February 1980 Egypt, Israel. Exchange of Ambassadors.

22 February 1969 Palestinians, Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine founded.

Quds Day or Jerusalem Day. Muslims protest Israeli occupation of Jerusalem. (Quds Day is commemorated on the last Friday of Ramadan, which ends mid-

February 1996.)

26 February 1993 United States. World Trade Center Bombing in New York City.

2 March 1956 Morocco. Independence Day (termination of Treaty of Fez).

2 March 1977 Libya. Establishment of Jamahiriyah (Masses' State).

3 March 1878 Bulgaria. Independence Day.

3 March 1961 Morocco. Accession of King Hassan to throne.

4 March 1982 Colombia, United States. Effective date of extradition treaty aimed at narcotics

traffickers.

6 March 1957 Ghana. Independence Day.

6 March 1975 Kurdish region. Algerian accord between Iran and Iraq abandoning support for the

Kurds.

10 March 1979 Kurdish region, Death of Kurdish leader Mulla Mustafa Barzani.

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11 March 1966	Indonesia. President Sukarno turns over power to Suharto.
12 March 1968	Gabon. National Day.
12 March 1880	Turkey. Birthday of Ataturk.
12 March 1968	Mauritius. Independence Day.
13 March 1979	Grenada. Coup d'etat by Maurice Bishop (National Day).
14 March 1975	Japan. Chukaku-ha (Nucleus Faction) Secretary General Honda assassinated by rival radical groups.
16 March 1921	Armenians. Signing of Soviet-Turkish border treaty that ended Armenian hopes of establishing an independent state.
17 March	Ireland. St. Patrick's Day (National Day).
20 March 1956	Tunisia. Independence Day.
20 March 1981	Colombia. Death of M-19 terrorist Carmenza Londono (La Chiqui).
21 March	Turkey. Kurdish New Year.
22 March 1945	Arab World. Founding of Arab League (original members: Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Saudi Arabia, and Syria).
23 March 1956	Pakistan Day (founding of Islamic republic).
25 March 1921	<i>Greece</i> . Greek Revolution Memorial Day (celebrating beginning of independence from Turkey).
25 March 1932	Iraq. Independence Day.
25 March 1975	Saudi Arabia. Assassination of King Faisal and accession of King Khalid.
26 March 1971	Bangladesh. Independence Day.
26 March 1978	Egypt, Israel. Peace agreement ratified.
26 March 1970	Libya. UK Evacuation Day (day British forces turned over bases and left).
28 March	Palestinians. National Day.
30 March 1974	Turkey. Death of terrorist Mahir Cayan, member of Turkish People's Liberation Party.
30 March 1976	Palestinians. Day of the Homeland.



	Chronology of International Terrorism
	The following incidents were considered by the Intelligence Community's Incident Review Panel since publication of the previous issue of the Terrorism Review and were determined by the Panel to constitute international terrorism. Such incidents provide the basis for the State Department's Patterns of Global Terrorism, which is published annually as the US Government's official record of international terrorism.
Asia	
21 November	India: A powerful bomb exploded outside a restaurant in the Connaught Place shopping area in New Delhi, injuring 22 persons, including two Dutch citizens, one South African, and one Norwegian. The blast caused major damage to shops and parked cars. The James and Kashmir Islamic Front of Workers and Muslement.
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17 October 23 October 15 December	Netherlands: A bomb placed outside a French-owned bank in Armhem partially detonated, causing minor damage. No one has claimed responsibility for the attack.
	Germany: Unknown assailants engaged in nine separate attacks against Turkish-owned businesses, cultural centers, residences, a soccer club, a tea house, and two vehicles, killing one Turkish resident, wounding two, and causing varying amounts of damage. Attacks occurred in Heilbronn, Duisberg, Bayreuth, and Hagen. No one has claimed responsibility but the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) is suspected
10 November	Switzerland: Unknown assailants firebombed a Turkish-owned shop in Basel, injuring three persons and causing major damage. No one has claimed responsibility for the attack
11 November	Germany: An unknown assailant hurled a homemade bomb through the window of a hostel for Bosnian refugees in Iena, causing minor damage. No one has claimed responsibility for the attack
13 November	Switzerland: An Egyptian diplomat was shot and killed in the parking garage of his apartment building in Geneva. On 15 November the International Justice Group, claimed responsibility for the assassination
9 December	France: Assailants in Bayonne set fire to a stolen vehicle and firebombed a bank after the French Government expelled a member of the Basque Fatherland and Liberty (ETA)
11 December	Austria: Two letter bombs detonated inside a mailbox located outside a local post office in Graz, wounding a passer-by. One was addressed to the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. Remnants of a claimant letter were found at the scene. Two other letter bombs were discovered intact. Authorities suspect the Bavarian Liberation Army may be responsible
20 December	Austria: Two assailants smashed a window and tossed a beer can containing flammable liquid inside the American Express office in Salzburg, causing major damage. The Cell for Internationalism claimed responsibility for the attack



23 December	Germany: A bomb detonated outside an office building in Dusseldorf that houses the Peruvian Honorary Consulate, causing major damage. On 27 December the Anti-Imperialist Cell (AIZ) claimed responsibility for the attack in a letter stating that the Peruvian Government's domestic policies are "unbearable for the majority of Peruvians.
29 December	Italy: Unknown assailants threw a Molotov cocktail onto the grounds of the Russian Consulate in Milan. There were no injuries or damage.
29-30 December	Spain: Unknown assailants set fire to a French-registered vehicle in Renteria during a violent protest against the arrest of three ETA members from the Araba commando cell.
30 December	France: A bomb placed outside a Paris branch of Citibank detonated, causing major damage. Authorities believe sympathizers of the Armed Islamic Group (AIG)—suspected to be behind the recent bombing campaign in France—may be responsible
Latin America	
19 April	Colombia: National Liberation Army (ELN) guerrillas kidnapped a Maquesa Company Russian engineer.
3 October-28 November	Colombia: Unknown assailants bombed the Cano Limon-Covenas pipeline on three separate occasions during this period, causing minor damage
12 October	Colombia: ELN guerrillas bombed the Cano Limon-Covenas viveline and engaged a Helicol helicopter. No injuries were reported.
	Colombia: Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) guerrillas burned two Cupiaga oil well compressors belonging to British Petroleum.
12 November	Guatemala: In a drive-by shooting, unidentified assailants machine-gunned the Minugua UN mission offices building. No injuries were reported but the front of the building sustained 24 bullet impacts. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack, which occurred before the polling tables opened for the government elections
10 December	Ecuador: Three FARC militants kidnapped a US citizen, who is the treasurer for the Nazarine missions. A captured member of the gang led a rescue group to a mountainous area near Quito, where they rescued the victim. Three kidnappers were killed during the rescue operation and two others escaped
Middle East	
8 November	Egypt: Islamic extremists opened fire on a train en route to Cairo from Aswan, injuring a Dutchman, a French woman, and an Egyptian. Al-Gama'at allegatives claimed responsibility for the attack



	terrorist group known locally as the <i>Farshout Group</i> may have carried out the attack in revenge for the death of two of its members in a shootout with police last month
30 November	Algeria: Four suspected Islamic extremists shot and killed two Latvian seamen and wounded a third. No one has claimed responsibility for the attack. The AIG is suspected

	Summary of Indigenous Terrorism—December 1995
* .	This description of incidents and situations is not meant to be a detailed accounting of all domestic terrorist incidents, but rather to provide an overview of indigenous terrorism worldwide
Asia	
India	Assailants shot and killed a member of the Indian Parliament in front of his home on 1 December in Ongole, Andra Pradesh. His bodyguard was also killed and two others were wounded. Police arrested one of the terrorists, a commander of the People's War Group, part of the Maoist guerrilla Naxalite movement.
	A powerful bomb exploded in a busy marketplace on 6 December in Ludhiana, Punjab, injuring at least 22 persons, damaging nearby buildings, and creating a two-foot crater. Sikh terrorists are probably responsible.
Pakistan	A car bomb detonated in Peshawar's crowded Saddar Bazaar on 21 December, killing at least 30 persons and injuring 100 others. The resulting fire damaged two department stores and destroyed a dozen cars. No group claimed responsibility.
Philippines	The Alex Boncayao Brigades claimed responsibility for attacking two businessmen in separate incidents in Manila on 11 December. One businessman and his driver were killed while the other was critically wounded
Eurasia	
Russia	On 3 December a bomb detonated near the Russian Government administration headquarters building in Groznyy, killing 11 persons and wounding 60 others. No one claimed responsibility for the attack.
Europe	
Corsica	A bomb placed in the French Communist-led CGT trade union's office in Bastia detonated on 11 December, causing major damage to the building and vehicles parked nearby, but no injuries. The CGT led the recent public-sector strike that paralyzed France for several weeks
Germany	A letter bomb addressed to Chancellor Helmut Kohl in Henningsdorf partially detonated while an employee sorted the mail on 11 December. A short time later, the same letter bomb again exploded when experts handled the device. There were no injuries or damage from either explosion. The device resembled a large firecracker rather than a more lethal explosive. On 20 December, a Berlin newspaper received a letter stating the bomb was sent "for fun, without any understanding of the consequences.

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Spain	On 9 December, in Pamplona, young radicals firebombed two Spanish Radio and Television (RTVE) trucks, the RTVE offices, a municipal police car, the front of the town hall, and an ATM machine. There was major damage, but no one was injured. No one claimed responsibility
Turkey	Firebombings of political party offices highlighted the weeks before the 24 December parliamentary elections. The majority of the attacks—involving Molotov cocktails and other incendiary devices—occurred in Istanbul, with isolated incidents in Diyarbakir and Mersin
	A time bomb exploded under the car of the Varto Mus provincial security director on 17 December in Istanbul. The director was not in the vehicle when the device detonated. No one claimed responsibility.
	DHKP/C gunmen shot at a True Path Party (DYP) campaign office in Istanbul on 22 December, killing a policeman and wounding three campaign workers. The assailants left propaganda leaflets before fleeing
United Kingdom	In Belfast, Northern Ireland, assailants doused the front door of a Catholic family's home with gasoline and ignited it, filling the residence with smoke on 3 December. There were no injuries. Protestant extremists are suspected.
Latin America	
Argentina	Unknown assailants threw a pipe bomb from a car at a publishing house in Buenos Aires on 2 December. The explosion destroyed the facade of the building, but there were no casualties. No group has claimed responsibility
Colombia	Suspected guerrillas of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) killed three former members of the Hope, Peace, and Liberty Party on 5 December in Turbo and Carepa.

Ecuador Four unidentified individuals fired shots at the car of the Health Minister in Guayaquil on 17 December. No one was injured in the attack Peru A bomb was found in the ceiling of the third floor of the Congress building in Lima on 16 December. The immediate intervention of the national police bomb brigade prevented an explosion. No group has claimed responsibility Middle East Algeria A car bomb exploded near a cafe in the suburbs of Ain Naadja in Algiers on 12 December, killing 14 persons and injuring 41 others. The Armed Islamic Group (AIG) may be responsible Egypt On 10 December unidentified gunmen opened fire from a passing truck on people gathered near Qasim Preparatory School in Al-Fikriyah, Al-Minya, killing two persons and injuring one. Al-Gama'at al-Islamiyya (IG) is suspected. Israel An Islamic Resistance Movement (HAMAS) militant stabbed and wounded two elderly Jewish men near the Cave of the Patriarchs in Qiryaat Arba' on 14 December. A policeman shot and killed the assailant West Bank Unidentified assailants threw a grenade at the Nabulus police station on 9 December. There were no casualties. No one has claimed responsibility for the attack.